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Dear Senator/Congressman:

Our organizations, representing teachers, administrators, related services providers and other stakeholders involved in educating students with disabilities thank you for your support and for your sponsorship of the *Protecting Children's Health in Schools Act of 2007*, S. 578 and H.R. 1017.

Our members are deeply concerned about threatened cuts in the Medicaid program that would seriously affect the ability of schools to receive Medicaid reimbursements for medically necessary and related services that they provide to students with disabilities. The Medicaid reimbursements are a critical source of funding for special education, all the more so because appropriations have not keep pace with the "glide path to full funding" that was included in the reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act in 2004.

Our organizations welcome the opportunity to work with you and your staffs to see that this legislation is enacted. Please feel to contact any of our organizations at any time if we can be of help to you in securing passage of this important legislation.

American Art Therapy Association
Association of Assistive Technology Act Programs
American Association of School Administrators
American Association of School Psychologists
American Dance Therapy Association
Association for Career and Technical Education
American Counseling Association
American Federation of Teachers
American Occupational Therapy Association
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
Association of Assistive Technology Act Programs
Association of School Business Officials International

Association of University Centers on Disability
Council for Exceptional Children
Council of Great City Schools
Fairfax County Public Schools
Higher Education Consortium for Special Education
International Reading Association
Mental Health America
National Association for the Education of Young Children
National Association of Elementary School Principals
National Association of Federally Impacted Schools
National Association of Secondary School Principals
National Association of School Psychologists
National Association of State Boards of Education
National Association of State Directors of Special Education
National Education Association
Parent Teacher Association
School Social Work Association of America
Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children